

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OECD P 14674 01 OF 02 062024Z

66

ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 NSF-02 EA-10 COME-00 EPA-04

LOC-01 (ISO) W

----- 083898

P 062010Z JUN 75

FM USMISSION OECD PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASH DC PRIORITY 7435

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 OECD PARIS 14674

PASS: EUR/RPE FOR LAMB, OES FOR HEMILY, NSF FOR JOHNSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH, OECD

SUBJECT: OECD/CST: MEETING OF ADVISORY GROUP ON CONTROL
AND MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, JUNE 2-3, 1975

REF: (A) STATE 126002, (B) OECD PARIS 13452

1. SUMMARY. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPS FROM DEN-
MARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN,
NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, UK, US. MAIN DISCUSSION
AREAS (A) PROGRESS REPORT ON OVERALL PROGRAM AND ON
THREE STUDY AREAS, INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF INFORMATION
EXCHANGE, AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW TOPICS, (B) NATIONAL
STATEMENTS ON TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (TA) DEVELOPMENTS,
(C) PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR ON TA, (D) FUTURE ORIENTATION
OF PROGRAM. US WAS ABLE TO MAKE ALL POINTS IN REF (A).
SUPPLEMENTED BY JOHNSON/NSF BRIEFING PAPERS, WITH
CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT BY OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP. HETMAN
VISIT JUNE 30 - JULY 5 HAS MAIN OBJECTIVE OF SECURING
MORE ACTIVE GUIDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION BY US. NEXT
MEETING OF AD HOC GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER
1975, TOGETHER WITH AT LEAST ONE STUDY GROUP. END
SUMMARY.

2. PROGRESS REPORT: PUBLICATIONS: THE "METHODOLOGICAL
GUIDELINES FOR TA" HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED; AN ANALYSIS OF
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OECD P 14674 01 OF 02 062024Z

SEVERAL COMPLETED TA STUDIES WILL

BE READY BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. PROGRESS IN STUDY AREAS: (A) "NEW URBAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS" - NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED MID-NOVEMBER WHEN SELECTION OF SPECIFIC STUDIES FOR COMPLETION BY OCTOBER 1976, (B) "HUMANIZED WORKING CONDITIONS". AT THE MAY 20/21 MEETING, HIGH INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN PURSUING THREE SPECIFIC TOPICS: "INDUSTRIAL ROBOT TECHNOLOGY"; "COMPUTERIZATION OF OFFICE WORK ENVIRONMENT"; "WORK TIME". NEXT MEETING FOR THIS STUDY AREA PROBABLY END 1975 OR EARLY 1976. PROJECT TERMINATION SEEN BY JUNE 1977, WITH FINAL REPORT AT END OF THAT YEAR. (C) "TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES AS AN INSTRUMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING". TA STUDIES IN THIS FIELD ARE UNDER WAY IN AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE AND A STUDY PROPOSAL EXISTS IN JAPAN. THE SECRETARIAT REPORTED DIFFICULTY IN GETTING THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT OFF THE GROUND, BUT AN EXPLORATORY MEETING IS LIKELY IN OCTOBER 1975.

4. INFORMATION EXCHANGE AMONG RESEARCH TEAMS. THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT INFORMATION EXCHANGE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT, WITH MUCH MORE EMPHASIS ON FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGE - OR AN EFFICIENT SUBSTITUTE, SUCH AS THE US IDEA FOR CASSETTE-RECORDING - AT THE PROJECT LEVEL.

5. PROPOSAL FOR NEW TOPICS. A LENGTHY, SOMEWHAT DISPERSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE TWO SUGGESTED PROPOSALS - "SOLAR ENERGY", AND "TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES", ENDED UP IN A SENSIBLE DECISION THAT MEMBER-COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN THESE TOPICS WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE SECRETARIAT ON EXISTING OR PLANNED STUDIES, AS A PRELIMINARY TO POSSIBLE FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT A LATER DATE.

6. NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS ON TA DEVELOPMENTS. ALL COUNTRIES REPORTED UNDER THIS ITEM. THE US PRESENTATION WAS BASED ON HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE THREE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE NSF, I.E. "TECHNOLOGY AND PUBLIC POLICY" (NSF/RANN SUMMARY REPORT, JULY 1972); UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 OECD P 14674 01 OF 02 062024Z

"ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS BY THE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT" (MARCH 1974); "RANN SEMINAR: NSF/TA PROGRAM", PAPER BY HAUER. (NOTE: PLEASE AIR-POUCH 25 OF EACH, IF POSSIBLE, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL OECD NATIONAL DELEGATIONS). MINUTES OF MEETING WILL CARRY SUMMARY OF COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS.

7. PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR ON TA. ONCE AGAIN, A LENGTHY

DISCUSSION RESOLVED ITSELF INTO A SENSIBLE DECISION,

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 OECD P 14674 02 OF 02 062023Z

66

ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 NSF-02 EA-10 COME-00 EPA-04

LOC-01 /035 W

----- 082091

P 062010Z JUN 75

FM USMISSION OECD PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASH DC PRIORITY 7436

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 OECD PARIS 14674

VIZ, TO WAIT UNTIL PRESENT STUDIES PRODUCE SOMETHING CONCRETE ON WHICH TO BASE PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP EVENTS OF THE SEMINAR OR SYMPOSIUM TYPE. THE AD HOC GROUP ENDORSED THE US PROPOSAL FOR A CST FORUM DISCUSSION OF TA IN GENERAL AND OF THE OECD/TA PROGRAM IN PARTICULAR.

8. FUTURE ORIENTATION OF PROGRAM. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG GROUP MEMBERS IN THE THREE BROAD THEMES PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT, TO WHICH WERE ADDED TWO OTHERS. "BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRM" (SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL) AND "TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE POLICY" (CHAIRMAN INGLEDSTAM'S PROPOSAL). INTEREST WAS COUPLED, HOWEVER, WITH CONCERN THAT THE TA WORK BE FOCUSED FOR THE TIME BEING ON ARRIVING AT INTELLIGIBLE RESULTS IN THE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLICATED AREAS ALREADY UNDER STUDY, WITH AN OPTIMUM USE OF SCARCE SECRETARIAT RESOURCES FOR IDENTIFIABLE PROJECT OBJECTIVES. THIS POINT WAS MADE BY SEVERAL MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE US, TOGETHER WITH A STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO THE SECRETARIAT TO COORDINATE TA STUDIES WITH OECD COMPONENTS INVOLVED IN THE SUBSTANCE.

9. HETMAN VISIT, JUNE 30 - JULY 5. MAIN OBJECTIVE
OF HETMAN VISIT, JUDGING BY LONG DISCUSSION WITH
MISSION, IS TO OBTAIN GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RUN A MORE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 OECD P 14674 02 OF 02 062023Z

EFFECTIVE TA PROGRAM. PART OF THE SOLUTION WILL
EVIDENTLY BE STRONG AND CONTINUOUS PARTICIPATION BY
US, WITH A READINESS TO ACCEPT CHAIRMANSHIP OF GROUP
AS SOON AS A CHANGE CAN BE EFFECTED WITHOUT EMBARRASS-
MENT. HE UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT ACCOMPANY JOHNSON TO
WEST COAST BECAUSE OF LACK OF OECD TRAVEL FUNDS.
MISSION REGRETS THIS, AS SEVERAL DAY CONTACT WITH
JOHNSON, IN ADDITION TO ON-SITE EXPERIENCE, WOULD
CERTAINLY HELP IN ORIENTING HETMAN TO A MORE PRACTICAL
APPROACH TO OECD PROGRAM IN THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING
FIELD. WITH THIS IN MIND, DEPARTMENT AND NSF MAY WISH
TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATENESS OF FINANCING HETMAN'S TRAVEL
INSIDE US. IF NOT THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IS
REQUESTED IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH NSF, OTA, NBS,
EPA' THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES.
TURNER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MANAGEMENT, MEETING AGENDA, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, CONSULTANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 JUN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975OECDP14674
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750198-1173
From: OECD PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750674/aaaacpgh.tel
Line Count: 195
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 126002, 75 OECD PARIS 13452
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: greeneet
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 MAR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 MAR 2003 by PhilliR0>; APPROVED <30 JAN 2004 by greeneet>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OECD/CST: MEETING OF ADVISORY GROUP ON CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, JUNE 2-3, 1975
TAGS: TECH, OECD
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006